GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5115
ANSWERED ON:26.04.2002
CKAG REPORT ON PURCHASE OF PAPER
PRABHUNATH SINGH

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the C&AG in its Report 2 of 1998 (Civil) in paragraph 5.1on page 33 had brought out the extra expenditure of Rs. 3.22 crore in the purchase of paper asking for responsibility of the persons responsible to be fixed etc.

(b) if so, whether the Government enquired into the matter of causing extra expenditure to crores of rupees and fixed the responsibility of the persons responsible for that ;

(c) if so, the details thereof ;

(d) the action taken to recover the extra expenditure that had to be incurred by the State because of the indecisiveness in finalising the tender and laying down proper and unambiguous conditions in the tender; and

(e) the steps have been taken by the Government to direct all the Government offices to finalise the tenders within the given time?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b)to(d) The extra expenditure incurred was on account of higher rates offered by the lowest tenderer (L-l)in response to a global tender for which no individual responsibility could be fixed. The decision to retender was a conscious decision of the Government keeping transparency and public interest in mind.

(e) Government has issued instructions to all the General Managers relating to the procurement proposals.